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--4. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the relevant database contents are transmitted electronically to the sorting machines carrying out the second and further sorting passes.--

Please add the following claims:

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--6. (new) The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the contents of the database sections are stored in memories which are fitted to the relevant containers (16) and which can be written to and read from, said memories being read out before the items of mail are put into the sorting machines for the second and further sorting passes and being put into the control systems of these sorting machines.--

--7. (new) The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the relevant database contents are transmitted electronically to the sorting machines carrying out the second and further sorting passes.--

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 7 have been added.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

--3. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~-2, characterized in that the contents of the database sections are stored in memories which are fitted to the relevant containers (16) and which can be written to and read from, said memories being read out before the items of mail are put into the sorting machines for the second and further sorting passes and being put into the control systems of these sorting machines.--

--4. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~-2, characterized in that the relevant database contents are transmitted electronically to the sorting machines carrying out the second and further sorting passes.--